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## CITY'S REVENUES TO BE INCREASED BY FRANCHISES

State Adds Immensely to Assessment of Corporations.

They Will Go to Frankfort to Protest.

RAILROADS ALSO AFFECTED.

Just a cool million dollars in taxes for the city with the assessment of the franchisees of the corporations is the belief of City Treasurer George W. Walters. During the past few years the city has received practically nothing in taxes from corporations on their franchise. Last year the city was enriched only about \$5,000.

Not only will any amount of money exceeding \$5,000 collected for a franchise tax be velvet, but the state board of equalization has almost doubled the assessment of three of the largest public utility companies in the city. Should the increase fixed by the state board stand, it will mean about \$5,300 in taxes never dreamed of by the city officials. The state board gives the corporations 30 days in which to appear before the state board, and show cause why the increase should not stand. It is certain the attorneys for the corporations will make efforts to have a reduction made, but it is the general opinion that the state board will recede only a few figures if at all.

Not only are the largest of the local corporations increased, but the assessment of the railroads is increased in proportion, and Paducah and McCracken county will be benefited according to the mileage in the county.

The increases made in the assessment of the local corporations are: Paducah Traction company from \$126,994 to \$250,000; Paducah Light and Power company from \$109,200 to \$200,000, and the Paducah Water company from \$154,055, to \$265,000.

## BURGLAR FLEES FROM BULLETS

H. I. JENNINGS GIVES NOCTURNAL PROWLER HOT RECEPTION.

Some unknown burglar found a warm reception early this morning when he entered the residence of H. I. Jennings, 1620 Broadway. In honor of his visit five shots were fired at his fleeing form, but he escaped injury and successfully made his escape from the residence. Nothing was missed from the home today, and it is thought he was discovered soon after entering through a window.

Mr. Jennings is an engineer for the Illinois Central railroad, and did not reach his home until after 1 o'clock this morning after returning from a trip. He did not hurry to bed, but this morning about 3 o'clock Mrs. Jennings was awakened by somebody slipping by the foot of the bed. Mr. Jennings was aroused, he seized his pistol and started after the intruder. He could only see a faint shadow and emptied his pistol.

Upon investigation it was discovered that the burglar prized open a window in the kitchen and after gaining entrance was slipping over the house looking for valuables. The police reached the house some time after the firing of the shots had awakened the neighborhood. A search was made, but a suspicious person was not seen. The only clue discovered was a button, which was torn from the clothes of the burglar as he jumped from the window in making a hasty retreat. The button bore the label of a firm in Lebanon.

Postoffice Receipts

April was another good month in the receipts of the Paducah postoffice, as there was an increase of \$961.03. The receipts for last month amounted to \$7,258.79 while April, 1909, the receipts were \$6,297.67.

## THE WEATHER

The predictions and temperature for the past twenty-four hours will be found at the top of the seventh column on page four.

## Congress Pays Respect to Memory of King by Adjournment After Bill For Appropriations is Enacted

Begins to Look as if Taft's Railroad Bill Would be Passed by Senate as He Desires it.

Washington, May 7.—After adopting the appropriate resolutions, the house adjourned this afternoon out of respect to the memory of King Edward.

**Taft Will Win.**  
Washington, May 7.—Senators Elkins and Crane had a conference with the president, and soon after the two senators reached the capitol they informed their associates that they had 55 votes, 8 more than is needed to defeat every long and short haul amendment that may be offered. This number includes many Democratic senators.

The senators will see the president again, when he will see other Republican leaders of the senate on the railroad bill. They told the president with emphasis that the new Republican combination in the senate is sufficiently strong to put through the bill as it is finally acceded to by the president and his advisers. The senators asserted that a railroad bill, largely satisfactory in character, would finally pass.

The status of the administration railroad bill in the house and senate is understood to have been the chief topic of discussion at the meeting of the cabinet.

**The Merger Clause.**  
President Taft declared to callers that while he was sorry the so-called pooling and merger clauses of the bill had been omitted in the senate, he did not consider that the loss of these two provisions vitally affected the bill. It is said the railroads will continue to enter into pooling agreements as long as they do business, and that President Taft's idea was that it would be a step forward to get these agreements under the purview of the interstate commerce commission through the pooling clause legalizing them.

As to the merger clause, the president always has contended that this provision was written into the bill solely for the benefit of minority stockholders.

The president is most concerned over what congress may attempt to put into the bill rather than the provisions stricken out. It is regarded as certain that if amendments suggested in the house by some of the more radical members are included, and the conferees can not eliminate them, he will veto the bill on the ground that it would unduly hamper railroads in carrying on their legitimate business.

**Handle Works Fire.**

From an overturned lantern fire started in the excelsior department of the Paducah Handle and Pin works last night about 12 o'clock. The blaze was discovered and hose companies, Nos. 2 and 4, and truck company, No. 4, answered the alarm. Quick work was done and the fire was extinguished with only a small loss.

**Thieves Enter Store**

Thieves entered the wholesale store of R. G. Terrell & company, on North Second street, sometime yesterday afternoon. The discovery was made late yesterday evening when George Wolf, shipping clerk, returned to the store. The cash drawer had been prized open and a Lincoln penny stolen. Nothing else was missed.

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**LIFE THREATENED.**

Walter Krone, former county attorney of Lyon county and a leader in the prosecution of the eightriders, has leased a home in Metropolis, Ill., and will remove in about ten days from Kuttawa to Metropolis. Since the night rider troubles Krone's life has been in danger and he has been condemned by many people.

## PADUCAH BECOMES HEADQUARTERS OF KENTUCKY T. P. A.

Hopkinsville, Ky., May 7 (Special)—Hopkinsville is in the hands of the Traveler's Protective Association today. Everything has been turned over to the traveling salesmen of the state, and they have had a merry day. About 150 visitors from state posts are present. Most of the members arrived last night in preparation for the day. The Elks lodge kept open house last night, and extended every courtesy to the visitors.

This morning the business session was held and the annual election of officers. Ed Wilson, of Henderson, was elected president succeeding B. A. Evans. Ernest Lackey, of Paducah was re-elected secretary-treasurer. By a big vote the members decided to return the state headquarters to Paducah. Two years ago the headquarters were removed to Louisville.

This afternoon the members enjoyed an automobile ride, and the festivities will close tonight with a banquet at Hotel Latham.

**S. P. Lynn.**

Jackson, Tenn., May 7.—At the residence of his sister, Mrs. I. H. Foster, 117 Allen avenue, this city, S. P. Lynn died at 3:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon, aged 45 years. Mr. Lynn was a valued employe of the Mobile & Ohio railroad.

## IRVIN COBB GOES FOR LOCAL COLOR

WILL WRITE MORE STORIES ABOUT BANKER WHO WAS HANDCUFFED.

Irvin Cobb, of New York, who has been visiting his mother this week, left for Savannah, Ga., this afternoon, to join his wife, who is visiting her parents there. In a few days they will return to New York. Mr. Cobb will stop over at Atlanta for a visit to the federal penitentiary, where he hopes to get color and material for the next installment in the series of "Mr. Trim" stories he is writing for the Saturday Evening Post, the first of which was published during the winter. Mr. Cobb's visit here has been the occasion for a number of informal entertainments given in his honor by his many friends, chief of which was the luncheon of the Commercial club Thursday noon.

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**Deeds Filed.**

Kate D. Sanders and W. H. Sanders to Fred Nagel and H. L. Meyer property on the Lovelaceville road for \$1.

## MURDER MYSTERY DEEPENS THOUGH NEW TRAIL STRUCK

"Red" Jenkins, of Memphis, Stays Alive Too Long to be Victim.

No Indictments of Hale and Guire by Grand Jury.

ATTORNEY BROWNING'S WORK.

Bert Guire and Albert Hale, who have been held as suspects in the Pool road murder case, were set at liberty this afternoon.

The affidavit of Mrs. Lum Thompson, the victim of the Pool road murder is not her son, arrived in a letter from a notary at Birmingham today; but the letter indicates that somebody in Paducah has been "butting-in" to the case, and using the name of Commonwealth's Attorney John G. Lovett without authority. The notary in his letter says that Mrs. Thompson was the craziest acting woman he ever saw. She kept him up all night and wouldn't sign the affidavit until 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. One time she would say her boy was alive and the next moment she would assert her belief that he was dead. The notary also says that Mrs. Thompson received a telegram from Paducah, signed, "John G. Lovett, commonwealth's attorney," advising her not to admit the identity of her son or sign the affidavit, until she heard from him. Mr. Lovett was reached by telephone at the Union station just before his departure for Benton, and he stated positively that he sent no such message to Mrs. Thompson.

The grand jury was discharged this afternoon, and it returned no indictment against Guire and Hale, who undoubtedly will be discharged.

**Attorney Browning's Work.**

Frequently the attorney for the defense undoes the work of police in winding a chain of circumstantial evidence around the accused; but Attorney David Browning has the distinction of clearing his clients before they were indicted, by disproving the identification of the victim of the murder. After the police

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had apparently positively identified by his mother, the body of the dead boy as Luther (Red) Thompson, a special sent from The Evening Sun office to the Chattanooga Times, caught the eye of Thompson at Dayton, Tenn., and he communicated with The Times. A Times' man wired to Paducah. Then Attorney Browning, who had already busied himself gathering evidence for a very probable alibi, sent Bert Guire's brother to Thompson and had the youth taken to Birmingham, where he convinced his mother of his reality.

The police had an extremely plausible clue and the corroborating testimony of those, who identified the dead, seemed to clinch the preliminary details of the crime.

## MEMPHIS, MAY 7. — "RED" JENKINS WAS HERE TWO DAYS AGO.

Here endeth another clue. Local race track men, to whom "Red" Jenkins confided last fall his intention of coming to Paducah this spring to work for Tom Settle, thought them of him and his unfulfilled promise, when they read the description of the victim of the Pool road murder. "Red" works for B. F. Dodge, of Memphis, and inquiry by The Evening Sun this afternoon, developed the fact that "Red" is alive.

A conversation the supposed murdered man had with a companion the night before his death, which was overheard by a witness, and in

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## George Fith is King of England; Edward's Last Words Manifested Reconciliation to the Inevitable

Genial Monarch, of Democratic Tendencies and Lover of Sports—He Was Popular With All Classes of People.

London, May 7.—George was formally proclaimed king from the quadrangle of St. James palace this afternoon. The privy council met at the palace and formally declared Edward dead. Then the leaders visited George in the adjoining room and Lord Chancellor advanced and administered the dual oaths, affecting England and Scotland, which were responded to amidst an oppressive silence. The new ruler announced that he would ascend the throne as George V. The heir apparent, Edward Albert, stopped forward and the oath of succession was administered. Then appeared in the quadrangle the entire party headed by Sir Alfred Scott-Gatty, king at arms of the Knight's of the Garter, who read the proclamation, formally declaring Edward dead, and George king. A fanfare of heralds followed, the troops presented arms, and everybody shouted, "God save the king."

Heralds then marched about the town reading the proclamation a half dozen times. The king, with voice choking with emotion and cheeks wet with tears, took the oath. In his speech of acceptance he made several touching allusions to his father. En route to the council chamber great crowds cheered and bowed recognition.

Reading the proclamation was postponed until Monday. With George's taking of oath, monarchical government in Great Britain goes on the trial of its life. He assumes the throne under adverse conditions at home, and abroad. He is unpopular, as is the new queen. George is considered by the nation as inadequate to the situation.

**England Mourns.**  
The gaily of England is gone. All mourn the death of the king. Thousands already are wearing rosettes or sash bands of mourning. The Stock Exchange, and all big business institutions closed today. The Liverpool Exchange also closed. Very little sleep was in London after the king's death was announced. Thousands flocked to the streets to learn more of the death from the newspaper extras. The last words of the king showed thoughts were of others.

He told his physician, "I knew this is the end. Tell the Queen." The physicians announced this morning that the Queen's condition is good as could be expected.

**His End Was Speedy.**  
The streets around Buckingham palace are now crowded with dense throngs, grief rendering their strangely silent. All the courts, public offices and theatres are closed, and there is considerable criticism of his physicians today for permitting the king to go to Biarritz to endure the rigorous climate. People also criticize the Sandringham trip.

His illness was first apparent in Biarritz, France, April 27, forcing his return. He caught a severe cold at Sandringham palace, May 2. Bronchitis developed May 4. The first bulletin of the doctors indicating that he was serious was May 5, at nine at night. His death followed at 11:45, May 6.

No arrangements for the funeral are yet made. Manuel of Portugal wired he would attend. Thousands of messages of sympathy came from all over the world. Failures wires he will send a representative to the funeral. Today it was announced that the direct cause of death was "constant coughing from bronchitis, affecting the heart, the left ventricle failing to act even under the influence of oxygen."

**Funeral March 17.**  
It is unofficially announced that the funeral probably will be May 17. Enough members of parliament for a quorum were rounded up and met at four o'clock this afternoon. They began the swearing in of members under the new regime. All English officials in a distracted mind. Secretary Phillippe, of the American embassy, said it is not known whether Roosevelt's visit will be cancelled, but "material alterations certainly be made, anyway."

**Roosevelt's Statement.**  
Stockholm, May 7.—Roosevelt issued this statement: "I am deeply grieved and know that all Americans will be, at the death of his late majesty, Edward Seventh. We feel the most profound sympathy for English people and keenly appreciated King Edward's personal good will toward us, which he so frequently and so markedly showed."

## Taft Wires.

Washington, May 7.—President

**TIBETAN UPRISING.**

London, May 7.—Reuter's News Agency says today it has a despatch from Peking, that the Tibetans have risen in a holy war against a Chinese garrison and slaughtered a thousand. The news is not confirmed by the foreign office here.

**Condolence From U. S.**

Washington, May 7.—Secretary Knox sent the following message of condolence today to the Right Hon. Sir Edward Grey, secretary of Great Britain: "I offer your excellency an expression of my personal sympathy and sorrow in the great loss which has been sustained by the government of Great Britain in the death of His Majesty, King Edward."

**Roosevelt May Be Envoy.**

Washington, May 7.—President Taft today, in response to an unofficial suggestion, considered the advisability of appointing Roosevelt special envoy of the United States to attend the funeral of King Edward. It was suggested that Roosevelt, as former president, would be a most fitting representative. The president said he probably would reach a conclusion today or tomorrow. He probably will communicate with Roosevelt in the meantime.

**Stock Markets Close.**

St. Louis, May 7.—All southern cotton markets are closed today on account of Edward's death, including Galveston, New Orleans, St. Louis, Louisville, Jackson, Miss., and Alabama points. The Stock Exchanges at New York, Pittsburgh, Philadel-

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**BANK CLEARINGS ARE OPTIMISTIC**

**BUSINESS IN PADUCAH IS GOOD, IN SPITE OF THE BAD WEATHER.**

Clearings this week \$695,045. Same week last year 669,456. Increase 25,589.

## Clark's River Bridge

Concrete work on the bridge over Clark's river was completed yesterday afternoon by the employes of the Vincennes Bridge company. Only work on the approaches remains to be done before it will be ready for traffic. However, it will not be opened for traffic until after gravel is on the concrete and the bridge is accepted by the fiscal court. The bridge will be inspected by the fiscal court at the June meeting.

## MILLER'S CONDITION REMAINS UNCERTAIN

Today John W. Miller, the tinner who fell from the colored Christian church yesterday afternoon, was resting easy at his home, 1155 North Thirteenth street. As yet his physicians are unable to say whether he will recover. He is paralyzed from the chest down. Dr. Horace Rivers and Dr. J. D. Robertson attended him. Clarence Ingram, who fell with the collapse of the scaffold, was able to return to work today.

## PADUCAH AND MAYFIELD DATES WILL NOT CLASH

Secretary Rodney S. Davis, of the Paducah Fair association, received a long distance telephone message from Secretary Lindsay Hale, of the Mayfield Fair association, today, saying that organization has arranged its July racing dates for July 8 and 9, so as not to conflict with the meet in Paducah on July 4 and 5. This is good news to the local association and a record breaking crowd is expected here these two days. It has been rumored that Reelfoot will be matched against Dr. M. on either of these two days and it will be for blood.

## Chicago Market.

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Wheat	1.15 1/4	1.13	1.15
Corn	61 1/2	60 3/4	61
Oats	42 1/2	42 1/4	42 3/4
Provision	22.37	22.10	22.35
Lard	12.65	12.45	12.65
Ribs	12.40	12.25	12.37

**Tobacco Sales.**  
The total number of hogheads sold this week by the Planters' Protective association were 220. The average price for both leaf and lugs combined was 10 1/4 cents.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alex Fowler of the Mayfield road are the proud parents of a fine boy baby, born last night.

## HOTEL ROBBER IS SENT TO REFORM SCHOOL FOR TERM

Joe Doyle Pleads Guilty on Presentation in the Crime.

Criminal Term Formally Concluded Today.

GRAND JURY WILL ADJOURN.

This morning the criminal docket in circuit court was closed with the disposal of a number of criminal cases. Joe Doyle, alias Joe Mitchell, charged with robbery, was sentenced to one year in the school of reform upon a plea of guilty. Doyle confessed he stole \$59 from the pocket of J. J. Pace at the Commercial hotel. Doyle is a boy about 17 years old, and on account of his age he was sentenced to the reform school. His father was present in court and thanked the officials for their kindness and asked for their prayers for his boy.

Oscar Baker pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, and was given one year in the penitentiary. A charge of petit larceny was dismissed by the commonwealth.

The grand jury failed to indict three defendants and they were dismissed: Mary Williams, colored, robbery; Robert Trice, colored, obtaining money by false pretenses; Ollie Price, colored, grand larceny.

This morning the grand jury returned 28 indictments. As far as could be ascertained most of the indictments were for shootings and cuttings.

The attorneys for the commonwealth presented a letter from Mr. Houser stating they did not desire to prosecute Rodolph Kittinger, charged with obtaining money by false pretenses. On motion of the prosecution the case was dismissed.

**Orders made were:**  
Commonwealth vs. H. Smedley; Defendant G. R. Davis filed amended answer to answer of Title Guaranty and Surety company.

Rosa Anderson vs. W. M. Husbands, revenue agent; amended petition filed by plaintiff, and plaintiff filed reply to W. M. Husbands.

Margaret Ruoff vs. Illinois Central; defendant filed exceptions. Fannie Kilecayne vs. Illinois Central; defendant filed exceptions. James Sisk vs. Rube Baker; corrected judgment filed.

**Suits Filed in Circuit Court.**  
H. Well & Sons filed suit against M. H. Gallagher for \$180.19 alleged due on an account.

## Chicago Market.

A steady week has been enjoyed in business this week, and the clearings reflect a creditable increase over the corresponding period of last week. Rainy weather interfered somewhat with retail trade, but all other lines report splendid sales. Manufacturers report good demands for goods.

The best indication of the heavy business being carried on in Paducah is the heavy freight business of both railroads. Illinois Central officials unhesitatingly say the freight traffic is heavier than it has been in years, and it has been necessary to borrow equipment from other divisions in order to furnish motive power for the long strings of freight cars and preventing blockades.

The settlement of the trouble between the carpenters and the contractors has helped clarify the building line. All of the carpenters are busy, and were out only one day on their strike. All other lines of labor report plenty of work.

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